

Table 5.1 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Activity Measurements
 (Number of Rigs)

	Rotary Rigs in Operation ^a					Active Well Service Rig Count ^c	
	By Site		By Type		Total ^b		
	Onshore	Offshore	Crude Oil	Natural Gas			
1973 Average	1,110	84	NA	NA	1,194	2,008	
1975 Average	1,554	106	NA	NA	1,660	2,486	
1980 Average	2,678	231	NA	NA	2,909	4,089	
1985 Average	1,774	206	NA	NA	1,980	4,716	
1990 Average	902	108	532	464	1,010	3,658	
1995 Average	622	101	323	385	723	3,041	
1996 Average	671	108	306	464	779	3,445	
1997 Average	821	122	376	564	943	3,499	
1998 Average	703	123	264	560	827	3,014	
1999 Average	519	106	128	496	625	2,232	
2000 Average	778	140	197	720	918	2,692	
2001 Average	1,003	153	217	939	1,156	2,267	
2002 Average	717	113	137	691	830	1,830	
2003 Average	924	108	157	872	1,032	1,967	
2004 Average	1,095	97	165	1,025	1,192	2,064	
2005 Average	1,287	94	194	1,184	1,381	2,222	
2006 Average	1,559	90	274	1,372	1,649	2,364	
2007 Average	1,695	72	297	1,466	1,768	2,388	
2008 Average	1,814	65	379	1,491	1,879	2,515	
2009							
January	1,487	66	328	1,215	1,553	2,152	
February	1,263	57	271	1,037	1,320	1,947	
March	1,059	46	225	867	1,105	1,825	
April	947	48	209	775	995	1,718	
May	864	54	187	723	918	1,646	
June	848	47	194	691	895	1,648	
July	893	38	245	675	931	1,629	
August	949	31	279	691	980	1,653	
September	976	33	293	704	1,009	1,579	
October	1,011	33	312	722	1,044	1,613	
November	1,071	36	362	734	1,107	1,625	
December	1,136	37	404	758	1,172	1,625	
Average	1,046	44	278	801	1,089	1,722	
2010							
January	1,225	42	433	822	1,267	1,706	
February	1,305	45	446	892	1,350	1,726	
March	1,368	51	471	933	1,419	1,754	
April	1,426	53	508	959	1,479	1,816	
May	1,464	49	541	960	1,513	1,818	
June	1,511	20	566	953	1,531	1,857	
July	1,558	15	591	971	1,573	1,852	
August	1,619	20	644	983	1,638	1,900	
September	1,635	19	668	977	1,655	1,918	
October	1,647	21	693	966	1,668	1,965	
November	1,662	22	723	950	1,683	1,971	
December	1,687	24	759	940	1,711	1,968	
Average	1,514	31	591	943	1,546	1,854	
2011							
January	1,686	26	793	909	1,711	2,004	
February	1,692	26	801	907	1,718	1,990	
2-Month Average	1,689	26	797	908	1,715	1,997	
2010 2-Month Average	1,265	44	440	857	1,309	1,716	
2009 2-Month Average	1,388	62	303	1,136	1,450	2,050	

^a Rotary rigs in operation are reported weekly. Monthly data are averages of 4- or 5-week reporting periods, not calendar months. Multi-month data are averages of the reported data over the covered months, not averages of the weekly data. Annual data are averages over 52 or 53 weeks, not calendar years. Published data are rounded to the nearest whole number.

^b Sum of rigs drilling for crude oil, rigs drilling for natural gas, and other rigs (not shown) drilling for miscellaneous purposes, such as service wells, injection wells, and stratigraphic tests.

^c The number of rigs doing true workovers (where tubing is pulled from the well), or doing rod string and pump repair operations, and that are, on average, crewed and working every day of the month.

NA=Not available.

Note: Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.gov/mer/resource.html> for all available data beginning in 1973.

Sources: • **Rotary Rigs in Operation: By Site**—Baker Hughes, Inc., Houston, Texas, *Rotary Rigs Running-by State*. By Type—Baker Hughes, Inc., Houston, Texas, weekly phone recording. • **Active Well Service Rig Count**: Cameron International Corporation, Houston, Texas. See <http://www.c-a-m.com/Forms/Product.aspx?prodID=cdc209c4-79a3-47e5-99c2-fdeda6d4aad6>.